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INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Kawaihae Small Boat Harbor, Hawaii, Hawaii

1. Purpose: To provide information on the subject project.
2. Points of Major Interest and Facts.

a. Under a reimbursable tasking from the local sponsor, the State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DBOR), the Honolulu District was tasked to complete a master plan for the berthing and associated facilities including a development of shoreside facilities. The plan was completed in January 2004. Also, included were design documents to construct a main floating walkway with piles for mooring of commercial crafts.

b. The Kawaihae Small Boat Harbor is located on the northwest coast of the island of Hawaii, immediately adjacent to the Kawaihae Deep Draft Harbor. The project was authorized under Section 301 of the River and Harbor Act of 27 October 1965. The project is in the operations and maintenance phase. The Federal government is responsible for maintaining the breakwaters and entrance channels at the authorized depths. The State of Hawaii is responsible for berthing areas, shoreside and other ancillary features.

c. The current project site was initially excavated by high explosives under the Research and Development study, code name "Project Tugboat" by Nuclear Cratering Group. An entrance channel 850 feet long, 120 feet wide and 12 feet deep; a turning basin 200 feet by 200 feet, 12 feet deep and a breakwater 850 feet long were constructed under "Project Tugboat." The current project retained the existing main access channel and turning basin; extended the west breakwater with a revetted mole for a distance of 350 feet; and, provided a 395-foot-long revetted mole with a connecting 400-foot-long east breakwater for 90 commercial small crafts. The construction was completed and the project was transferred to the DBOR in July 1998. The total project cost was \$8,742,000 (Federal: \$7,859,000; non-Federal: \$873,000). There are no on-going actions by the District, except to continue to monitor for operations and maintenance.